THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Railways have been directed to fill up about 80,000 vacant posts relating to Safety, Security and operational categories either by direct recruitment from open market or promotion from amongst serving employees, as the case may be, by the year 2006.

(c) and (d) The Railways are in the continuous process of training the staff in the latest technologies by updating their knowledge and skills, through refresher and specialized courses. During the year 2003-04, number of staff trained in the refresher and specialized courses are 92,481 and 90,614 respectively.

Construction of overbridges/underbridges in North Eastern Region

2156. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of overbridges/underbridges under construction in the country particularly in the North Eastern Region, project-wise;

(b) the details of proposals received by the various State Governments for construction of overbridges/underbridges at railway crossings; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) There are 428 works of Road over/under bridges (ROB/RUB) sanctioned on cost sharing basis in the country and are under various stages of planning, design and construction. Further, 15 new works are being included in the Supplementary Demands for Grant for the year 2005-06. The details of ROB/RUB works sanctioned on cost sharing basis on North-east Frontier Railway which serves the north-east region of country is given in the Statement attached (*See* below).

Railway construct the Road over/under bridges (ROB/RUB) across railway tracks in lieu of busy level crossings on cost sharing basis where the traffic density is more than one lakh Train Vehicle Units (TVUs), other-wise on deposit terms. Proposals in both cases have to be sponsored by the concerned State Government/Road Authorities duly fulfilling certain preliminary pre-requisites *viz.* giving undertakings to bear their share of cost, to close the level crossing on completion of ROB/RUB etc. On receipt of such firm proposal Railway take appropriate action to include the proposals in their budget.

Statement

Project-wise Details of Road overbridges/Road underbridges sanctioned in North Eastern Region

Sl. No.	Name of works	Rly	State	Year of Sanction	Cost Sharing (Rs in lakh)		Remarks
					Rly Share	State Share	
1	BONGAIGAON ROB in replacement of LC No. SK/49 at Km. 143/10-11 (Municipal Road) North Salmara-Chapaguri Rd.	NFR	ASSAM	95-96	511	555	Work on Railway portion completed. In approaches earth filling and compaction is in progress. A letter to PWD (Roads) has been written for expediting the work on approaches on 20-05-05.
2	SILIGURI ROB in replacement of LC No. NS-2A at Km. 2/3-4. (M.R) at Mahabirsthan. TVU = 185920 (2000)	NFR	WEST BENGAL	2000-01	628	972	Work on both side approaches started. Tender for the ROB over railway portion floated.
3	DALKHOLA ROB at Km. 552/13-14 between station Dalkhola-Surja-Kamal. NH-34 byepass.	NFR	WEST BENGAL	2003-04	746.8	2821	Revised 4-lane General Arrangement Drawing approved by both Railway and State Govt.
4	PURNEA ROB in replacement of LC No. KJ/15 at Km. 27/3-4 (SH) in between Gulabbagh-Khuskibagh, TVU=296201 (99)	NFR	BIHAR	2002-03	472.85	464	Under planning.